



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Moldova-Transnistria Negotiations

As delivered by Deputy Representative Douglas Davidson
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We are pleased that, after a long break, the five-sided talks resumed on April 26th and 27th.

We are, however, deeply disappointed by the unconstructive nature of the Transnistrians' recent proposal. We are likewise concerned about the continued stalemate on withdrawal of Russian military forces from Moldova. We had hoped to see important progress on this issue by this time in this year.

We also call on OSCE member states to continue to use their influence to persuade the Transnistrians to adopt a more productive approach.

We also continue to believe that the Transnistria dispute is resolvable, and we remain ready to do what we can to support a resolution in line with OSCE principles.

Thank you.